



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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**GRANT ALERT
APPLICATION TRAINING WORKSHOPS**

**FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2004
MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
PROGRAM**

The Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) announces the availability of applications for the following Federal Fiscal Year 2004 Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program components:

Community Development Fund I & II / Mini-Entitlement Program

The Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant program provides federal funds on a competitive basis to municipalities with a population of less than 50,000, that are not designated by HUD as entitlement areas.

Communities may apply to the Community Development Fund I and II or the Mini-Entitlement Program* for a variety of projects including rehabilitation/stabilization of housing stock, improvements to aging infrastructure, and stabilization of neighborhoods, public social services, economic development, and downtown related projects.

Program and application guidelines can be found in the FY 2004 One Year Plan (draft) and the Application posted on the DHCD website listed below. This Grant Alert is being mailed directly to each Mayor or to the Chairperson, Board of Selectmen. The due date for the Community Development Fund and Mini-Entitlement Program application is Tuesday, January 13, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. Application Training Workshops have been scheduled for November 4, 7, 18, and 20 (times, locations and directions follow).

Applications can be obtained by downloading the application from DHCD's website at: www.mass.gov/dhcd, or by requesting a copy of the application at Maria.Ferrario@state.ma.us or (617) 727-7001 x446.

* Selected communities that have been designated "Mini-Entitlement" communities by DHCD may apply for the Mini-Entitlement Program, or may choose to apply competitively for funding through CDF I.

APPLICATION INFORMATION WORKSHOPS

Four (4) workshops have been scheduled to provide information on the FY 2004 Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant Program application process. Communities interested in applying for FY 2004 funds are encouraged to attend one of the workshops.

Tuesday, November 4, 2003

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

West Springfield

Municipal Office Building – 2nd Floor
26 Central Street
(413) 263-3045

Friday, November 7, 2003

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Boston⁺⁺

MassHousing
One Beacon Street
(617) 854-1000

⁺⁺ Due to heightened security at this location, we must provide the building's property management company with your name prior to the training. RSVP to Maria.Ferrario@state.ma.us or (617) 727-7001 x446 by Wednesday, November 5, 2003. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate any walk-ins at this location.

Tuesday, November 18, 2003

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Marlborough

Frank D. Walker Building
255 Main Street
(508) 460-3715

Thursday, November 20, 2003

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Middleborough

Town Hall
10 Nickerson Avenue
(508) 946-2405

If you need an accommodation to attend any of these trainings, please contact Maria at Maria.Ferrario@state.ma.us or (617) 727-7001 x446 at least five days before the training date.

DIRECTIONS

West Springfield Municipal Building

Take Mass Turnpike to Exit 4, West Springfield. At Exit 4, follow I-91 South signs toward Springfield. Take 13B (Route 5 South) off I-91 South. This will be Riverdale Street – you will see plazas on your left and at traffic signals there will be an Abdows and Cinemas on your right. Go through these traffic lights. After you pass the cinemas, take your first right onto Elm Street. Stay on Elm Street until the traffic lights (Junction of Route 20 and Elm Street); go through the traffic lights and take your first right. You are on Central Street. The Municipal Office Building is the brick building on your right – there are parking lots on your left.

MassHousing -- One Beacon Street, Boston

One Beacon Street is the dark brown, marble high-rise building at the corner of Tremont and Beacon Street. It is kitty corner from the Parker House Hotel.

From North of Boston-via Route 93 South or route 95

Take 93 south to Callahan Tunnel-Dock Square, to North Street. At the light, take a right onto North Street. City Hall will be directly in front of you, with Faneuil Hall on the left. Go straight until you come to the light. Take a left at the light onto Congress Street. Stay in the right lane. Make a right onto State Street, which becomes Court Street. Bear left at fork in the road onto Tremont Street.

From West of Boston via Mass Turnpike

Take the Mass. Pike east to Exit 18 (Allston-Brighton Toll). Make a right turn onto Storrow Drive. Take Storrow Drive to Government Center exit, you will be on Cambridge Street. Stay on Cambridge Street, Government Center will be on your left, Center Plaza will be on your right.

From South of Boston via 93 North

Take 93 North to Atlantic Avenue exit. Take Atlantic Avenue to the State Street intersection. Go left on State Street. State Street will turn into Court Street stay on Court Street. Bear left at the fork in the road onto Tremont Street.

The garage is sandwiched between The Souper Salad and CopyCop. As you enter garage, go to left for parking for One Beacon Street.

Marlborough – Frank D. Walker Building

Take I-495 to Exit 24A (Route 20 East). Take Route 20 East approximately 1.5 miles to the center of Marlborough. At the second traffic light, Route 20 bears right and Main Street continues straight ahead. Stay on Main Street and go through the light and take the next left – Rawlins Avenue. The Walker Building is the big, brick building (a former school). Parking is available around the site.

Middleborough Town Hall

Take Route 24 South to 495 South/East. Take Exit 4 (Route 105). Take a left off ramp. Go through lights at Route 28. Take fourth left onto Nickerson Avenue. Town Hall is on the left. Parking is next to Town Hall.